



Junior High Cafeteria Dedication



Last Thursday evening the official dedication of the new cafeteria was held from 7 until 9 p.m. A brief program was held during which time the keys were turned over to the school authorities by the Building Committee. The new cafeteria will seat approximately 350.

Pictured above accepting the keys are left to right: Raymond

Harris, principal of the Junior High, James C. Clark, Agawam superintendent of schools, David Gallano, committee member, Raymond Charest, Agawam Selectman and Francis Rosso, chairman of the Building Committee. Serving on the committee were: Roland C. Durocher, Paul J. Adams, Albert J. Christopher and Lawrence Menard.

Attend Annual Bank Conference

WEST SPRINGFIELD—Earle C. Harvey, treasurer and executive officer of the West Springfield Cooperative Bank, and three members of the bank's board of directors are attending the eighth annual New England Conference of Savings and Loan Associations and Cooperative Banks which began today at Whitefield, N. H.

The conference will continue through Saturday.

Mr. Harvey, who is president of the Massachusetts Cooperative Bank League, will head a conference panel on "Expanded opportunities in mortgage lending."

Attending the conference with Mr. Harvey are these three directors: Darrel S. Ames of the Eastern States Farmers Exchange, Gordon B. Shattuck of the Strathmore Paper Co. and Dr. Eugene G. Boss, Sr.

Rev. Sweeney Takes Call of F.H. Church

Rev. Arthur Norman Sweeney of Sherburne, New York has accepted the call of the Feeding



REV. ARTHUR N. SWEENEY Hills Congregational Church to become its minister as of September 1, 1963.

Mr. Sweeney was born in Billerica, Mass., and is a graduate of Atlantic Union College and Andover Newton Theological School. He was ordained at the Congregational Church, Harvard, Mass., and has held pastorates (Continued on Page 2)

AHS Presents Diplomas To 198 Seniors Tonight

Reception to Follow Exercises and Awards

Diplomas will be presented to 198 seniors at tonight's commencement exercises of the Agawam High School at 8 in the high school auditorium. The commencement address will be given by James N. Reynolds, Jr., president, of H. W. Butterworth Co., Beth Ayres, Penn.

Open With Processional

The program will open with a 15-minute organ concert by Lawrence Buddington of the faculty, followed by the processional of graduates into the auditorium. Rev. John S. Tyler will give the invocation.

The Senior Chorale, will sing "Climb Every Mountain" by Richard Rodgers. Supt. James Clark of the Agawam Schools will introduce the guest speaker.

Following the commencement address the Senior Chorale will sing "The Halls of Ivy."

Presentation of diplomas will be by David Gallano, chairman of the school committee.

Principal Frederick Dacey will then announce the winners of scholarships and award prizes for special accomplishment.

Rev. Anthony J. Menard will pronounce the benediction and the recessional of the graduates will follow.

Immediately after the recessional (Continued on Page 3)



Rev. Ruscetta To Celebrate Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday

Rev. Dominic A. Ruscetta, C.P.S., will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of his ordination into the Holy Priesthood on Sunday at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Agawam, at 10:30 a.m. An anniversary tea will be held between the hours of 4 and 7 p.m., in the church hall to honor Father Ruscetta. All parishioners, friends, and townspeople are invited to attend the tea and con-

vey their congratulations.

Pouring at the tea will be officers and members of the Holy Rosary Society, the Ladies Guild and parishioners of St. Anthony's. Pourers will be: Mrs. Joseph Tarini, Mrs. Charles Broggi, Mrs. Ralph Lucia, Mrs. James Luicci, Mrs. Joseph Gentile, Mrs. Benjamin Bassani, Mrs. Mario Vigliaro, Mrs. Jerome Barnes, Mrs. Joseph Sappelli, Jr., Mrs. Mario DeLucchi, Mrs. Henry Alvingini, Miss Josephine Lango, Mrs. Virgilio Pescetta and Mrs. Raymond Brandoli. The church hall will be decorated in the traditional silver and white and fresh flowers of the season.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone by the Anniversary Committee.

Baptist Church UWF Smorgasbord Sat.

The Baptist Church United Women's Fellowship will serve a "Summer Smorgasbord" in the Fellowship House this Saturday, with servings from 5 until 7 p.m. Mrs. Herbert Briggs is the general chairman, assisted by a large group of church women.

A wide variety of hot and cold dishes will be served, including sliced ham, turkey, Swedish meat balls, home-baked beans, potato salad and many other popular dishes.

Tickets for adults are \$1.50 and children \$1.00. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Gladys Catchepaugh, RE 4-2422, Mrs. Elsie Hastings, RE 9-9719 or at the church office RE 4-0700.

MacGowan Mass. Pharmacy Graduate

Charles Russell MacGowan of 1169 River Road, received his diploma declaring him to be a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston on June 5th. He attended the Agawam Schools, graduating from this town's High School in 1959.

Attending the Commencement Exercises were his mother, Mrs. Rita Pope MacGowan, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Pope, of Agawam, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin R. Greenough and daughter, Cynthia, of Springfield, and John Magovern of Agawam.



JOYCE C. BOISSONAUT

Northampton — Three area residents will graduate from Northampton Commercial College on Friday, June 14.

Miss Joyce Claire Boissonault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laval Boissonault of 321 Springfield St., Agawam, an executive secretarial major, has been a member of the bowling and chess clubs



JAMES S. DEMICHELE

and a Dean's List student.

James S. Demichele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Demichele of 63 William St., Feeding Hills was a member of the bowling and chess clubs. She was selected queen of the commencement prom held at Wyckoff Park Country Club, Holyoke.

Miss Carol Ann Stetson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell P. Stetson of 105 S. Westfield



CAROL A. STETSON

St., Feeding Hills majored in accounting. Miss Stetson was a Dean's List student and has been a member of the bowling and chess clubs. She was selected queen of the commencement prom held at Wyckoff Park Country Club, Holyoke.

All are 1961 graduates of Agawam High School.

To Graduate From Commercial College

Circus Coming To Town Tuesday

Police Chief Kenneth Grady serving as honorary chairman of the Policeman's Charity Fund announced today that final plans have been completed for next Tuesday's Beers-Barnes Circus to be held at Harmon Smith Field at the High School. The circus is coming to Agawam with two performances scheduled at 2 and 8 p. m., and will be held rain or shine. Officers John Chriscola and Louis Tatro are serving as general cochairmen and if Monday night's meeting at the town hall is any indication of the excitement and interest in the forthcoming circus performance the Big Tent should play to a standing room only crowd.

Agawam's finest are behind this venture 100 per cent with proceeds of the affair to be used for their Christmas Charity fund to assist worthy and needy families of Agawam. Any organization wishing to help is asked to contact one of the three names mentioned above with said organization able to share in the proceeds. Present at Monday night's meeting and representing organizations were: Rev. Frank Dunn, the Valley Community Church; Santo Cannarella, YMCA and UNICO Club; Thomas Russo, Auxiliary Police Association; Mrs. Joseph O'Connor, Agawam Guild, Holy Family League of Charity; Fire Chief Harry Schneider, Agawam Fire (Continued on Page 7)

Grange Public Supper Tuesday

Community Grange #382 will have an open meeting this Tuesday evening at 8. The public is invited.

Ray Waddis of Brookfield, Mass., a student at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture and a 4-H member, who has just returned from India as an exchange student will be guest speaker and show slides of India.

Preceding the meeting there will be a public supper for 99c at 6 p.m.

The menu will consist of meat loaf, mashed potato, carrots, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and dessert.

Reservations should be made by June 16 with Mrs. Muriel Thayer 35 Northwood St., Mrs. Edith Bostwick, 74 Kensington St., or Miss Lillian McDonald, 537 Mill St. all of Feeding Hills.

The supper is in charge of Mrs. Edith Bostwick, Lillian McDonald and the Home and Community Service Committees. Proceeds from the supper will go to the Arthritis Fund.

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhart,
Pastor

Mrs. Frank Merchant,
Organist - Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
Church Secretary

Thursday—7:30 p.m. The Fair Committee for the United Women's Fellowship meet at home of Mrs. Donald Goss, 280 Elm Street.

Saturday—5 to 7 p.m. Smorgasbord of the United Women's Fellowship in Fellowship House.

Sunday—9:30 a.m. Morning Worship . . . Rev. Lockhart, Pastor will preach the morning worship.

Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post spring sale.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday Services: 9:45 a.m. Bible School with classes for all ages. 11:00 a.m., Morning Worship; 7:00 p.m., Evening Service.

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m., Mid-week service for prayer and Bible Study.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Mrs. Andrew G. Toussaint,
Minister of Music

Thursday—12 noon Ladies Aid Luncheon to be held at home of Mrs. Leslie Moore, Sr., Federal Avenue. If transportation is needed, meet at church 11:45. If inclement weather, meeting to be held at church. Bring own silver and dishes.

Friday—7:30 p.m. Adult choir rehearsal.

Saturday—8:45 Intermediate choir rehearsal; 9:45 a.m. Junior choir rehearsal.

Sunday—9 and 11 a.m. Church at Morning Worship . . . Church School Day. Promotions at both services.

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Monday—8 p.m. Friendship committee meet.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Thursday—7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 79 meet at parish hall.

Friday—3:15 p.m. Junior choir practice.

Sunday—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Morning Prayer; 7 p.m. Evening Prayer and Youth Fellowship meeting.

Monday—Girl Scout Troop #232 meet at parish hall.

Tuesday—3:30 p.m. Brownie Scout Troop meet at parish hall; 7:30 p.m. Vestry meeting.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Senior choir practice.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Ronald J. Tamblyn, Minister

Mrs. Fred Nardi,
Senior Organist

Mrs. David Meyer,
Junior Organist

Thursday—7 p.m. Senior choir rehearsal.

Saturday—9:30 a.m. Junior choir rehearsal; 10:30 Cherub choir rehearsal; 11 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday School Picnic, Robinson Park, Upper Proven Mt. Area. Robert Rawson is in charge.

Sunday—10 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School in session; 5 p.m. Senior Pilgrim Fellowship meet; 5:15 p.m. Junior Pilgrim Fellowship meet.

Monday—8 p.m. Ladies Benevolent Society meeting.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Frank E. Dunn,
Guest Minister

Mrs. John Cesan, Secretary

Mrs. John MacPherson

Mrs. Harry Prior,
Music Directors

Thursday—7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at home of Mrs. John MacPherson.

Friday—7:30 p.m. Building Committee meeting at home of Harry Kalajian, 1092 North St.

Sunday—10:30 a.m. Morning Worship in Granger School auditorium . . . Sunday School classes in session Nursery thru Grade 7; 6:30 p.m. VCCYO meeting at home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley, Southwick Street.

Strawberry Supper And Bazaar June 22

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will hold its annual Strawberry Supper Saturday, June 22, at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Supper will be served family style from 5 to 7 p.m.

The menu will consist of: juice, baked ham, potato salad, pickles, rolls, strawberry shortcake, coffee, tea or milk. Children under 12 and under six will be served at reduced prices.

In conjunction with the supper there will be a Bazaar with home baked goods candy, aprons, toys, old jewelry, books, a "white elephant" table, and many other saleable articles.

Reservations should be in by June 19, call Mrs. Richard M. Taylor, RE 4-4074 or Mrs. James Bava, RE 9-3532.

Mrs. H. Ellsworth Bostwick, president of the Society is acting as general chairman of this affair assisted by a large committee.

Lay Church WSCS Smorgasbord Sat.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Lay Memorial Methodist Church in Feeding Hills are holding their annual June Strawberry Smorgasbord this Saturday, with sittings at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The menu will consist of: Potato Salad, Baked Ham, Swedish Meat Balls, Baked Beans, Frankfurts, Texas Hash, Tuna Casserole, Corn Beef Hash, Corn & Sausage Casserole, Green Bean Casserole, Sweet Potato Casserole, Macaroni & Cheese, Assorted Gelatin Salads, Cole Slaw - Deviled Eggs, Assorted Relishes, Beverage, Strawberry Shortcake.

Reservations will be appreciated and may be made with Mrs. John Conley—RE 9-4993 and Mrs. Ronald Ashton—RE 6-2018. We are looking forward to serving you.

Rev. Sweeney

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in three Congregational Churches in New England. He is presently minister of the First Congregational Church, Sherburne, New York. He has served as moderator of the Susquehanna Association, New York, and is presently chairman of the Stewardship Committee.

Mr. Sweeney has had wide experience in youth work, serving on the staff at Wells Senior High Conference, Wells College, Dean of Lisle Senior High Conference, New York. He is a veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theatre of Operations with the 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Armored Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney are the parents of four children, David, Steven, Kathleen and Robert. They will be moving to the parsonage in Feeding Hills during mid-August.

Whist Parties are held each Wednesday and Saturday night at 8:00 P.M. at the YWCA on Howard Street, Springfield. High and low score prizes and door prizes will be awarded.

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Girls Softball Team Donates



St. John's Girls Softball Teams shared their successful proceeds of a recent cake sale with the Catholic Men's Club Athletic Fund yesterday morning by presenting a check of \$100 to their president J. Paul Morin. This gesture was an expression of appreciation to the Athletic Committee upon their decision to construct a softball diamond at St. John's Field. Elaine Francis, who obtained the most cakes and donations, presented the check to the pastor, Rev. John P. Shannon expressed his pride for the thoughtfulness and zealous work exemplifying the true Christian spirit of the girls. Patricia Morrissey, one of this year's new entrants, was also present. Because of her enthusiasm and perseverance she placed second in the cake donation drive.

Pictured presenting check above left to right are: J. Paul Morin, president Catholic Men's Club, Elaine Francis, Rev. John P. Shannon, Patricia Morrissey and Mrs. Wylly Brame, team manager.

Upon receipt of the check from Father Shannon, J. Paul Morin thanked the Teams' Manager, Mrs. Wylly E. Brame, in behalf of the girls, there upon receiving a round of applause from the Catholic Men's Club fathers and sons who were attending a Communion Breakfast. Mrs. Brame described the girls enthusiastic efforts to be a self-supporting athletic group and to assist financially toward the softball diamond construction.

Receive BS Degree Springfield College

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Richard A. Stachowicz, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Stachowicz, 332 Rowley St., Agawam, is one of approximately 270 Springfield College seniors who received the Bachelor of Science degree last Sunday at the college's 78th Commencement Exercises.

Richard received the B.S. degree in Physical Education and has been a member of the following organizations while at Springfield College: Varsity Golf Team, Intramural Basketball, Intramural Football, Commuters Club, Intramural Softball.

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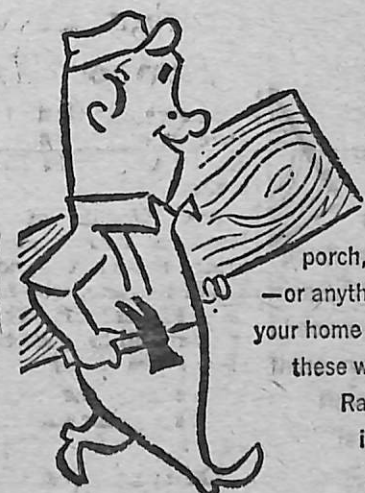
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AHS Presents

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sional there will be a reception in honor of the graduates in the high school cafeteria.

Future Class Plans

More than 65 per cent of the graduating class plan to continue their education at colleges, universities or other institutions; 37.3 per cent will attend four-year colleges or universities, 27.7 per cent will attend other educational institutions, 16.7 per cent plan to enter immediate employment, 11.1 per cent will join the armed forces, 5 per cent plan to move, 5 per cent plan marriage, 5 per cent will take postgraduate work at the high school, 5.5 per cent are undecided as to future plans.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGAWAM, MASS.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing in the Selectmen's Office, Administration Building, Agawam, Monday, June 24, 1963, at 8:00 P.M., on the application of Philip J. Adamchek for a license to store gasoline and/or petroleum and its products in quantities not exceeding 200 gallons in above-ground tanks at 715 Springfield Street, Agawam.

WALTER T. KERR
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Board of Selectmen
(June 13)

VWWI CARD

PARTY WINNERS

The third game of the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held in the National Guard Armory on Maynard St., last Wednesday evening. The winners of door prizes were: Grace Lancour, Ed Lancour, Amelia Meyer and Theresa LaBertie.

Mystery prize winners were Florence Raleigh, Ben Botelho and Rush Cusson. Ace prizes were won by Marie Considine for the ladies and Ralph Stetson was victorious for the men.

The following play prizes were awarded to: Ladies — 1st Jessie Tompkins, 2nd Mae Charbonneau, 3rd Maud Clark and consolation, May Tryon; Men — 1st Orville Burt, 2nd George Teed, 3rd Robert Damon and consolation, John Bacon.

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Sisters Graduate



DOROTHY AND BARBARA LANDERS

Among the students who graduated in June are the Landers sisters, Dorothy and Barbara, daughters of Mrs. Dorothy D. Landers of 274 Meadow Street, Agawam, formerly of Springfield. Barbara, a 1959 graduate of Cathedral High School received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Our Lady of the Elms, Chicopee, on June 2nd. While at college, Barbara majored in Sociology and minored in Education. She was a member of the Sociology, Athletic and Springfield Undergraduate Clubs. In September she will teach in the elementary grades in the Springfield School System.

Dorothy, a 1958 graduate of Cathedral High School was capped at ceremonies last week completing a one-year course in Medical Assisting offered for post-graduates at Springfield Trade High School. Graduation

exercises were held on June 10th at which time a cap band and diploma were received. She was class secretary and a member of the year book and decorating committees. Dorothy will assume a position as Medical Secretary in the laboratory at Wesson Memorial Hospital.

Heavey, Jr. Receives BBA Degree at AIC

Springfield, Mass. — Bernard J. Heavey, Jr., of 33 Cooper St., Agawam, has been given a bachelor of business administration degree by American International College.

Mr. Heavey, a graduate of Worcester High School of Commerce, is a veteran of six years service with the Army. He attended the University of Massachusetts and Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, prior to enrolling at AIC.

He is worthy patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, West Springfield Chapter 144 and is assistant officer manager for J. Clayton Flax and Co., of Springfield.

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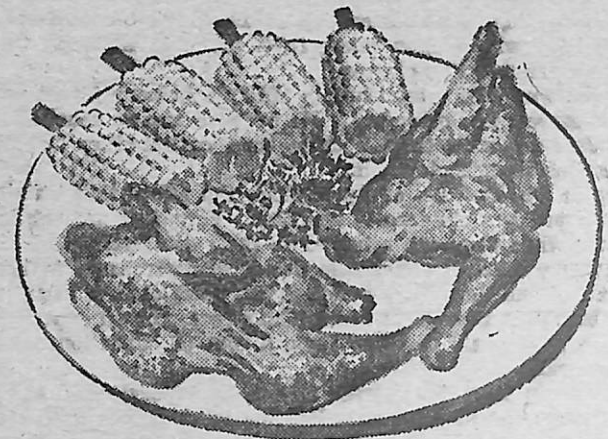
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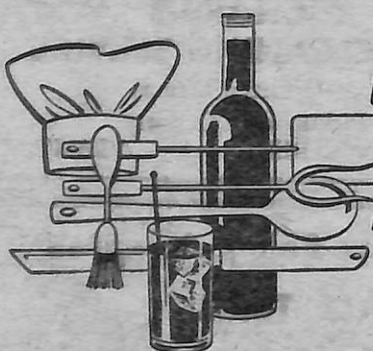
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Round The Town



By Ann Nael
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Mrs. Eva Sullivan of Leonard Street, was pleasantly surprised last Friday evening by a visit from her nephew, Daniel Sullivan, with his wife, from Huntington Woods, Michigan. He was enroute from attending a conference in Greenfield and Boston.

Anthony Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Rogers of Leonard Street, celebrated his fourth birthday last Sunday. His parents had a large family cookout for friends, relatives and out-of-town guests.

Richard Botelho of Homer Street, Feeding Hills, left Friday evening for Camp Drum, New York. He is a First Lieutenant with the National Guard.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Montagna of Edgewater Road last week attended the Paper Industrial Management Association convention held at Grossinger Hotel, Grossinger, N. Y.

Marion Serves At Philippines

Sangley Point, Philippines (FHTNC) — John A. Marion, radioman seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Marion of 209 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, reported April 26, to the Naval Station, Sangley Point, Philippines. He reported for duty from the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md.

The station, which supplies logistic support to fleet units both afloat and ashore, also houses six supported activities, which are Headquarters of the Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Philippines, Patrol Squadron 40, Coast Guard Air Detachments, Fleet Weather Facility, Marine Barracks and Naval Communications Center.

Marion is a graduate of Cathedral High School at Springfield.

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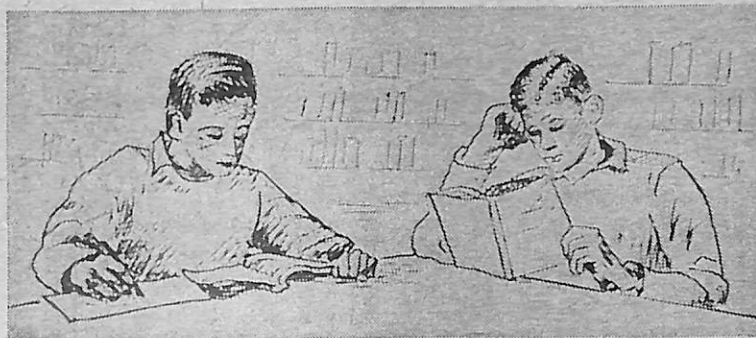
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COUNTY SCHOOL



By Edith LaFrancis

Unlike the town schools, the Hampden County Training School in Feeding Hills does not close its doors for summer vacation. Superintendent Thomas Reidy and Mrs. Reidy are on duty twelve months of the year, providing home life as well as school life for an average of forty-five boys whose ages range from seven to sixteen. Only during August are there no classes.

The school was first established in 1872 on Armory Street near Van Horn Reservoir in Springfield. Its purpose was to rehabilitate school offenders and send them back to their communities as well-behaved, responsible school pupils.

According to Dr. McCook of Springfield, the effect this training school has on problem children is amazing. Very few present further problems when they are returned to their own schools.

The property on South Westfield Street was purchased in 1916. After the school and dormitory building was completed, a barn and other farm buildings were built across the street. Farm experience often opens a new world to these boys, a sort of education not to be found in books.

The boys are kept busy with a closely supervised program wherein a day begins at 5:15 a.m. Routine work comes first, then breakfast, then school. Farm work includes gardening, care of livestock, beef and dairy animals, sheep and pigs. Indoor work includes such tasks as dishwashing and laundry. Work is never a punishment here but rather something to keep the boys busy so they won't get into mischief. If a boy misbehaves he is not given more work but he may lose some privilege such as movies or swimming.

Recreation is a necessary part of school life. A gymnasium, television, a swimming area and movies are provided. In winter the whole group goes to the West Springfield Y twice a month for swimming and in summer they frequently receive free tickets to ball games. Mr. Carroll provides a free day at Riverside each summer.

Before boys are sent to this school, the school departments make every effort to cure their habits of truancy and trouble making, only those most in need of change of environment and discipline are sent. Most of the boys are in the 13 to 15 age bracket. Eight months is the average stay at the school although some may remain for a year or more. In this length of time the school is able to rehabilitate 90% of those enrolled so that they can return to their own homes and schools and cause no further trouble.

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ROUTE 5

Friday, June 14 — Alexander Ave., Barry, Belmont Ave., Bristol Dr., Carol Ave., Churchill Ave., Hamilton Dr., New York Ave., North St. Ext., North West, North Westfield, Overlook Dr., Parkview Dr., Pine, Richmond Ave., Roosevelt Ave., South West, South Westfield, Southwick, Sunset Ter. and Thalia Drive.

ROUTE 6

Monday, June 17 — Adams, Cosgrove, DePalma, Doane Ave., Edgewater Rd., Franklin St. Ext., Garden, Memorial Dr., Mountainview, Oxford, Phil, Poplar, Porter Dr., Ridge Ave., Shoemaker Ln., Silver, Silver Lake Dr., South, Suffield and Vadhais St.

ROUTE 7

Tuesday, June 18 — Althea Dr., Anthony, Belle, Centre, Clematis Dr., Colonial Ave., Cooper, Elsie, Fairview, Federal Ave., Federal, Federal St. Ext., Harvey Johnson Dr., Karen Dr., Ley, Poinsetta, Potomac Pl., Prine Ln., Reed, Samuel, Senator Ave., Stanley Pl., Valentine, Valentine St. Ext., Vernon, Virginia, Washington, Westford Cir. and Woodside Dr.

ROUTE 8

Wednesday, June 19 — Birchill Rd., Carr Ave., Elm, Emerson, Haskell, Henshaw Ave., Kanawa Ave., Lealand Ave., Main, Mar-dale Ave., Nile Ave., Parker, Perry Ln., Raymond Cir., Riverside Ave., Riverview Ave., Ruskin Ave., South Park Ter., Stewart Ln., Sunnyslope Ave., Thirlmere Ave., Veranda Ave., Woodcliffe Ave. and Wright St.

ROUTE 9

Thursday, June 20 — Albert, Alhambra Cir., Barney, Central, Corey, Edith Ave., Edward, Elbert Rd., Ellison Ave., Frank, Hunt, James Ave., John, Joseph, Kirkland, Liberty Ave., Maple Ave., Meadow, Meadow Ave., Monroe, Pomeroy, River Rd., School, Seymore Ave., Sterling Rd., Sunrise Ter., Willard Ave. and Wyman Ave.

GOP Comments On Taxes and Spending

Agawam tax rate set at \$45.00 read a headline of 1952; while a little over ten years later a local official is pleased to announce that the latest increase would bring it to \$70.00. A similar 65% increase in the next ten years will bring it to a \$115.50 rate.

With the obsession for spending seemingly shared by most elected Democrats this may well become a reality.

Do the heads of the many families of Agawam believe that money alone supplies the answer to each problem?

A special Town Meeting will soon be called in Agawam and a main part of the meeting will be concerned with spending money. Thus whatever is spent will be an addition to that on which the \$70.00 rate is based.

With the tight grasp on the town held by the Democrat leaders, coupled with their spending habits, the results could be gloomy.

The replacing of two seasoned and experienced Republican members on the Finance Board still further darkens the picture. Finance Board decisions are noted for the powerful influence and control of spending desires. Now the score is, five democrats to one Republican on the "Board".

Jerry Mason, a prominent young Democrat has found an interesting job. Reliable informa-

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Ernest McLean, editor of the Independent, for giving me this wonderful opportunity in journalism. I also want to thank the faculty and students at Agawam High for their cooperation and help they gave me. If it wasn't for their help this column wouldn't have been possible.

Class of '63 Banquet

The Class of '63 held their class banquet Monday evening at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield. Walter Willard, head of the banquet committee, was assisted by the following committee: Jack Morin, Cynthia Brown, Judy Sar-rat, Paul Neulieb, Jim White, Janet DeMont, John Litchfield, Peter Egan, and Ray Danton.

The guests of honor seated at the head table with the class officers were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dacey, Mr. and Mrs. David Skolnick, Mr. and Mrs. David Theodorowitz, Mr. and Mrs. James Clark, and Miss Jane Durkan, the class advisor.

The Sachem "63" was distributed to the members of the class. Miss Durkan received a gift for her hard and tireless work in behalf of her beloved "class of '63." The main decoration of the hall was ivy which adorned the head table. Entertainment was supplied by a band and class gifts were distributed.

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Holy Family Charity Guild Dinner June 21

Agawam Guild, Holy Family League of Charity will conclude its current year of activities with a dinner meeting Friday evening, June 21, at the Oaks Inn, State Street, at 7. An informal half hour will be held starting at 6:30 with incoming officers greeting the members as they arrive. In the reception line will be newly elected president, Mrs. Joseph O'Connor, Mrs. John Moksizin, 1st vice president, Mrs. Felix Poggi, 2nd vice president, Mrs. Robert Sullivan, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Chester Miller, recording secretary, Mrs. Thomas Danford, publicity secretary and Mrs. John O'Keefe, financial secretary.

Serving as chairman of the dinner is Mrs. John Moksizin assisted by Mrs. Robert Carney as cochairman. Reservations will close on the 17th and should be completed with Mrs. John Poshowski, chairman, or any member of the Guild. Flowers including a centerpiece of summer roses and corsages for the incoming

officers are under the supervision of Miss Maureen O'Connor. Singing will be enjoyed following the dinner with Mrs. Claudia Torrey in charge. Door prizes are under the supervision of Mrs. Danford with Mrs. Paul G. Query serving as co-chairman.

The intention chosen by Agawam Charity Guild for the coming year is: "To Ask the Holy Family to reward with special blessings our loyal retiring officers; To favor with success the plans of our newly elected officers; To inspire all Guilders with a greater desire to spread Holy Family devotion and to assist unfortunate, needy, homeless children during the coming year."

It was announced that a silver tea will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Captain Charles Leonard House as the first activity of the 1963-64 year. Mrs. Robert White is serving as general chairman of the affair with Mrs. Paul Query and Mrs. Robert Sullivan as cochairmen. Further details will be announced.

The Old Timer



"One way to be popular is to listen closely to a lot of things you already know."

after I apply for social security?

A. You may call your nearest social security office or write for free booklets which will describe your rights. If you write, simply request Pamphlets OASI-23 and 23C.

Q. I retired from my job last year. My wife, however, is continuing to work, and she earns over \$4800 a year. Can I continue to receive my social security benefits while my wife works for over \$1200 a year?

A. Yes. Your wife's earnings will not affect your entitlement to social security benefits. Only your own earnings could keep you from getting benefits.

Q. I am over 65, but have never worked under social security. Now I have an opportunity to work part time in a job covered under social security. Can I receive credit for my earnings and become eligible for benefits, or am I too old to start?

A. You can start anytime to earn social security credits. As a matter of fact, the oldest person now receiving benefits is 120 and he started working under social security at the tender age of 113.

Q. I am a widow, and my husband died in 1940. When I inquired about social security benefits several years ago, I was told that he hadn't worked long enough for me to receive any benefits. Has there been any change in the requirements?

A. Yes, you may now be eligible for benefits. By all means, discuss your case with a representative at the social security office as soon as possible.



SOCIAL SECURITY Questions and Answers

Q. I am 65 but I am still working. Is there any reason why I should get in touch with the social security office?

A. Yes. Recent changes in the social security law have made it possible for many people who are 62 and over to receive some social security benefits even though they are still working. Don't delay, check today.

Q. I am working part time and since I am going to earn over \$1200 this year, I did not believe

that any benefits were payable to me. A friend tells me that I may receive some benefits. Who is right?

A. Your friend is correct. You should get in touch with your nearest social security office immediately for an explanation of your rights and to see what benefits may be payable to you.

Q. Where can I get information that will tell me about how much I may receive in social security benefits if I continue to work

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Fathers-Sons Communion Breakfast



Sunday over 200 attended the Communion Breakfast held at St. John's Pavilion, for fathers and sons of the Catholic Men's Club of St. John the Evangelist Church following the 8 a.m. mass.

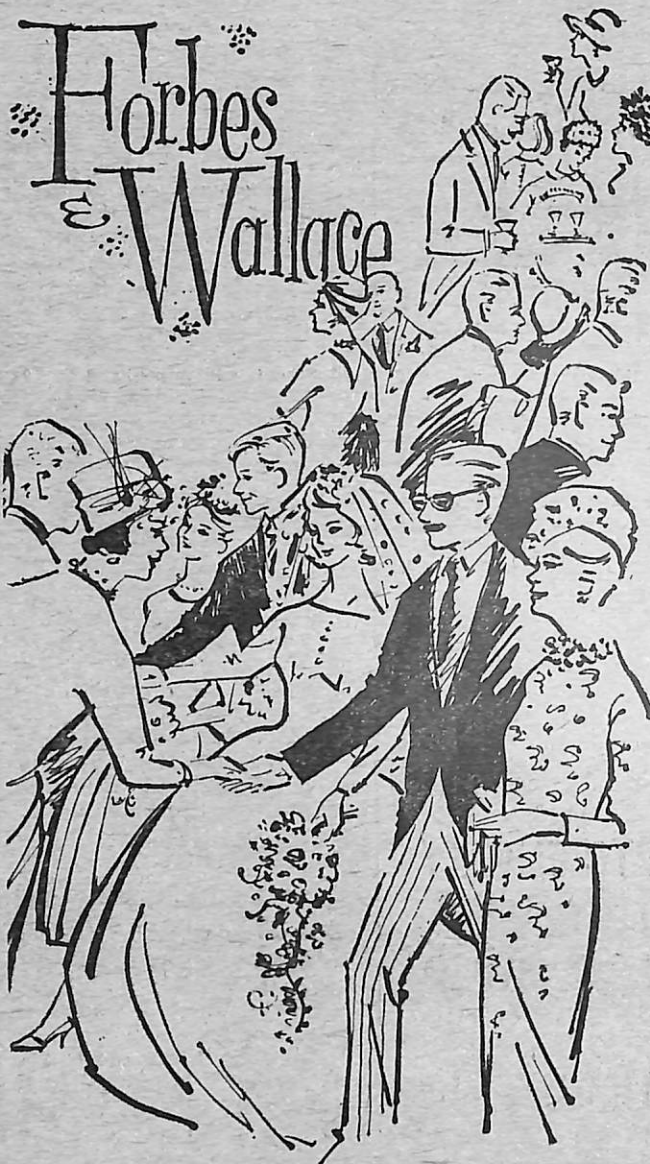
Rev. Thomas F. Devine, professor of Education, at Our Lady of the Elms College, Chicopee, was the guest speaker for the breakfast.

Pictured above with Rev. John P. Shannon, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church are left to right: Louis Plante, breakfast chairman, Rev. Thomas F. Devine, Father Shannon and J.

Paul Morin, president of the Catholic Men's Club.

Father Shannon commended the members on the work they have accomplished for the good of the parish, their sponsorships of Boy and Cub Scout Troops, baseball teams, basketball league for boys and two leagues for girls. They have developed and maintained St. John's Field and are in the process of building a softball diamond for the girls of the parish.

Money still talks, but it has to stop, and catch its breath more often.



You are cordially
invited to attend our
Bridal Fashion Show

Beautiful weddings start with perfect planning, and the time to plan for Fall weddings is now. Forbes & Wallace Bridal Fashion Show includes: bridal gowns for simple or formal weddings, with attendants' fashions and trousseau fashions. It's the most enjoyable way to see what's new and beautiful for the gala festivities of a wedding day.

Thursday, June 20
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Eighth Floor Auditorium

SPORTSMEN'S
CORNER

By Bill Chiba

The Agawam Bowmen Club celebrated their sixth annual installation of officers and banquet at the St. Anthony Society hall, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills last Saturday. The following officers were installed: William Chiba, president; Richard Donovan, vice-president; Edythe Chiba, secretary; and James Clayton, treasurer.

Guests at the head table included Mr. and Mrs. Stan Berchulski, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence King, Miss Clark, Mr. Harold King, and Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin. Jim Griffin emceed the gala event.

The Drake Mountain Singers performed for the body, and brought the house down with their enjoyable antics. The banqueteers were reluctant to let them go. The Agawam Bowmen "Bombettes" performed for the group and were well received.

Mrs. Lawrence King and Robert LaPoint were the lucky winners of the prizes given by the club.

The Club will put on a dinner and dance September 14th and "Twilights" will furnish the mu-



Shown above is the head table of the Agawam Bowmen's sixth annual banquet. From left to right are: Stanley Berchulski, outdoor writer for Springfield Newspaper and Mrs. Berchulski, Richard Donovan, vice-president, and Mrs. Donovan,

James Griffin, MC, and Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. William Chiba, secretary and William Chiba, president, Mrs. James Clayton, James Clayton, treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence King, Miss Clark and Harold King.

sic for the dance at the St. Anthony hall.

Seeking Salmon

Junior Provost, Sam Provo, Chick Ceccerini, Mike Delucci, and Earle Provost are in Quebec, Canada, trying for land lock salmon on Lake St. Jean. The fellows have high hopes of hitting the fishing at just the right time. We wish them luck for they have been straining at the lease waiting for departure time.

Strippers Plentiful

Fran Colli, Peter Ronchi, and Andrew Trincinella have been making a regular weekly trip down to Wellsfleet on the Cape for stripper bass. They report that the fishing has been tremendous and are so enthused over the large catches they have been making that Bill Deforge (Fire Lt.) and Bert Montana are going to make a safari to Wellsfleet next weekend. Bert and Bill want in on the action and are already planning on the method of distribution of the catch. Lots of Luck men!!

The Westfield Revolver Club held an informal pistol shoot last Sunday at their range near Barnes Airport Westfield. Over 60 shooters showed up for the event. A big attraction was a 30 cal. machine gun brought to the range and test fired. The Agawam Revolver Club was well represented at the tournament with the following shooters trying their best: Ralph Peate, president, Norm Royer, C. Wood, Robert Webber, Mr. Bellows, and Frank Syriac.

In the National Match Course 22 cal. round the top three high guns were: Lafleur, Springfield Revolver, 285, Vershon, Springfield Revolver, 283, and Mitchell, Indian Orchard 280. The national match center fire was won by Jamrod, Springfield, 280; Lafleur, Springfield, 270, and Royer, Agawam Revolver, 264. The national match 45 cal. division was taken by the following shooters: Michell, Indian Orchard, 282; Vershon, Springfield, 279; and Jamrod, Springfield, 277. President Al Drega, Westfield Club, thanks all that participated.

Head Table Guests and Officers

I-C Girls' Softball

Start Second Season

Agawam Girls Inter-Church Softball League opened its second season last Monday evening at Shea's Field. At a recent meeting of religious leaders, team managers and coaches objectives, ability, standards, age groups and team planning were discussed and voted upon. The league provides this well-supervised activity for all Agawam girls, 10-15 of any religious denomination.

Two games will be played at Shea's Field each Monday evening and one game at Sacred Heart Field each Thursday. The league would appreciate parents' co-operation in the transportation of players to and from the fields and invites them to remain through the game.

The following religious advisors, managers and coaches are guiding the respective teams: Fr. Richard Farrell, Peg Arnold, Louise Shelanskas, Albina Stellato and Anthony Stellato, Sacred Heart; Fr. Anthony Menard, Carol Roberts, Patricia Lloyd, St. Theresa; Fr. James Cunningham, Irene Montagna, Carol Tricinella, Norma Raimondi, St. Anthony; Fr. Joseph O'Neil, Cosette Brame, Ann Roach, Veronica Francis, Edmund Francis, Lorenzo Grimaldi, St. John the Evangelist.

Janulewicz Receives
Marine Corps Badge

Camp Lejeune, N.C. (FHTNC) — Marine Private First Class Gary F. Janulewicz, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Janulewicz of 266 North St., Agawam, a member of the Tenth Marine Regiment, the artillery arm of the Second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, N. C., received the Marine Corps Sharpshooters Badge in ceremonies held May 2.

The badge was presented for rifle marksmanship with the M-14 rifle after two week firing exercises on the rifle range at Camp Lejeune.

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BRING BACK THE BOBBER

Some fishermen like to think they've "outgrown" the bobber.

But this traditional symbol of barefoot lads has as much significance in the tackle boxes of experts as it does hitched to the cane pole of a beginner, say the fishing authorities at Mercury outboards.

They point out that a bobber can be extremely valuable to even the most proficient caster under certain conditions. Though it's a simple, inexpensive accessory, it extends the versatility of spinning and casting rigs when conventional techniques prove unequal to the task at hand.

A small transparent float can be used to convert a spinning rig for fly casting when fish are rising to the surface. Although not as satisfactory as a flyrod, this modified outfit gets you back into business during the feverish action of a "hatch."

When drift fishing over weed beds the use of a bobber allows you to keep your bait or light lure at the proper depth without continually "hanging up."

It is also handy for slow trolling in shallow waters. You can fish with a long line, far back from any disturbance the boat makes. And it prevents the lure from sinking too deeply into the snags.

For many situations, repeat the Mercury folks, the bobber is indispensable. It definitely belongs among the array of equipment possessed by every angler.

Instead of thinking you've outgrown it, use it. Bobbers have often "saved the day."

Inter-Church League
Baseball Schedule

June 13 — Sacred Heart Shamrocks vs St. Anthony at Shea's Field; St. John Leprechauns vs Lay Memorial at St. John's Field.

June 17 — Lay Memorial vs Sacred Heart Shamrocks at Shea's Field; St. John Leprechauns vs St. John Angels at St. John's Field.

June 18 — St. Theresa vs St. Anthony at Shea's Field.

June 19 — St. John Angels vs Lay Memorial at Shea's Field; St. Anthony vs St. John Leprechauns at St. John's Field.

Receive Degree
At Lowell Tech.

Lowell, Mass. — Daniel H. Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Dudley of 39 Royal Lane, Agawam, a 1969 graduate of Agawam High School, received the B. S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering at 65th Commencement Exercises of both day and evening divisions of Lowell Technological Institute June 9.

Mr. Dudley was active at LTI in the Newman Club Phi Psi fraternity, and the staff of the Text, and the student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

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PROMENADERS

SQUARE DANCE



By Norm and Dot Jenks

New Class In Fall

We gathered together at the home of Charles and Rosemarie Nathan to make plans for the coming year...it all sounds wonderful. Right away in September the Promenaders are going to start a new square dance class. Watch for news of our Free Fun Nite! We want to show you why the happiest people in town are square dancers.

Last Chance

All Agawam members must have their tickets by Saturday for the steak roast June 22nd. Contact Red and Dolly Fessler, RE 6-0412, and make sure you are not left out. Good food, good friends and extra good dancing is the order of the evening.

Final Dance of the Season

Robinson Park School was the scene of a real rocking square dance last Friday night with 114 dancers whirling and twirling to the beat of the master caller Dick Steele. This marked the end of our spring dance series.

Summer Dances Begin

Here is the good news. We have five dances for those fun loving people...square dancers. Stanley Park Pavilion in Westfield is the place and 7:30 is the time. The schedule is June 22nd, caller Dick Steele, July 12th, caller Gordy Vaughan; July 26th, caller Paul Pratt; August 2nd, caller Marie Hawes; August 23rd, caller Ted Perkins. In the cool of the evening dance your cares away with the friendly Promenaders.

Strawberry Supper Dance Saturday

The Auxiliary of the Italian Sporting Club will hold their annual Strawberry Supper and Dance at the club hall, Cooper Street, this Saturday. Dinner will be served from 6 to 8 and dancing will follow. Children will be served at reduced rates. Mrs. Umberto Govoni, Jr., president is honorary chairman and has appointed Mrs. Alfred Gallerani and Mrs. Mario Delogha as general cochairmen.

The menu will be baked ham, baked beans, tossed salad, assorted pickles, potato salad, old fashioned strawberry shortcake and coffee.

Serving on the general committee will be: Mrs. Mary Calabrese, Mrs. Frank Nostin, Mrs. Louis Delogha, Mrs. Alfred Montagna, Mrs. Joseph Marai, Mrs. Fred Pajer, Mrs. Joseph Triglio, Mrs. Antonio Piccin and Mrs. Umberto, Sr. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the committee or at the door.

No problem ever solved itself, by wishing. But many are solved by — going fishing.

Circus Coming To Town Tuesday



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Department. Other organizations wishing to participate in the sale of tickets are asked to send a representative to the town hall Friday night at 8 to attend the next committee meeting.

The Beers-Barnes circus is well known throughout the United States and will make a one-day appearance in Agawam. The Agawam Police Association has gone to great pains to secure the old-fashioned circus which features 25 acts. There will be performing elephants, trained seals, beautiful horses, prancing ponies, talented dogs, wonderful funny, unbelievable clowns to delight the youngsters, artistic

wirewalkers, thrilling aerialists...in addition to all this, popcorn and balloons.

Tickets for adults are \$1 and children 50 cents and may be purchased from any of the above organizations or at the Police Station. Tickets will be available at the Big Top on Tuesday, however reservations are recommended as tickets are being sold on a first come basis.

Multiple Sclerosis Society Fashion Show

Over 200 townspeople attended the fashion show "Cruise for Summer Living" sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Society held last evening in St. Joseph's social hall, Clinton Ave., Westfield. Many attractive door prizes were awarded.

Fashions from Helen's Specialty Shop in Westfield were modeled and included: dresses for morning, afternoon and evening, suits, knitted wear and two bridal outfits, the complete attire for the entire bridal party.

Local girls modeling were: Dee Bonemery, Beverly Mickey, Sandy Losito, Joanne Benjamin, Linda Mills, and Marsha Maslanka. Adults modeling were: Phyllis Maslanka, Gloria Guiel, Anne Mahoney, Maude and Debbie Light.

Committee members in charge were: Mrs. Angela Bachelder, tickets; Mrs. Lena Bontempo, door prizes and Mrs. Donald Mills and Maude Light, publicity.

Champion



Saturday, June 1st Nancy DeCosmo of 102 Florida Drive, was first place winner in her individual age group in baton twirling. She then competed with others and was the winner of the title U.S.T., Massachusetts State Juvenile Champion. Nancy has won many trophies and medals in her two years of baton competition.

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Fabulous 5th Season

"Carnival," the show critics called "America's magical musical" opened the season at Storrowton Music Fair on Monday, June 10th. This is the same national production the U. S. Department of Cultural Exchange is sponsoring in Israel. It is being presented in the West Springfield theatre-tent in-the-round for only one week.

Beginning June 17th, for one week, producer Wally Beach, in association with Lee Guber, Frank Ford and Shelly Gross, will present the handsome, robust baritone, Earl Wrightson; the glamorous Hollywood bombshell Mamie Van Doren and the versatile Broadway-Hollywood actress, Lee Grant in the Cole Porter-George Kaufman-Abe Burrows riotous musical hit, "Silk Stockings."

An adaptation of the renowned Greta Garbo movie "Ninotchka," "Silk Stockings" is set in a modern Paris and pokes fun not only at Russia, but also Hollywood.

Cole Porter's satiric lyrics are at their best in such tunes as "Stereophonic Sound," "The Red Blues," "Siberia," "Too Bad" and "Josephine."

Every Wednesday at Storrowton there will be a Ladies Bargain Matinee performance at 2 p.m. when admissions are only \$1, \$2, and \$3. This is in addition to the regular Saturday Matinee at

4.30 p.m. when a child under 12 is admitted free with the purchase of each adult ticket. Nightly performances Monday through Friday continue at 8.30 p.m. and Saturday night performances remain at 9.30 p.m.

Dorothy Collins will star in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" for two weeks June 24th through July 6th. This will be the only two week presentation on the Storrowton Music Fair schedule.

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LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS

by Virginia Catchepaugh

Girls' State

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Massachusetts, will sponsor the June 14th to 21st session of Girls' State at Bridgewater State College. Mrs. Mark W. Murrill of Scituate, Director of Massachusetts Girls' State, and Past National President, states that the objective of Girls' State is to promote a better understanding of the individual's responsibility as a citizen.

Miss Sandra Wein of 98 Monroe Street has been selected to represent Unit No. 185 of Agawam at the 1963 Girls' State Sessions, with Miss Martha Sharritt of 226 Elm Street as her alternate.

Auction

Agawam residents may still donate articles to the Auxiliary Auction to be held on June 15th at the Legion Home. Among the donations to so far are a bicycle, baby furniture, and even the kitchen sink. Call the Chairman, Mrs. Anna Bissonette at RE 3-0215, the President Jane Whalen at RE 6-5971, or leave the articles at the Legion Home.

Local Auctioneers and Antique Dealers, Ralph Gaylord and Roland Ruelle will conduct the sale, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Belle Russell will be in charge of the refreshments on sale.

Election and Picnic Meeting

A tentative slate of officers will be presented for election following a picnic on the Legion grounds on Monday, June 17th. Nominations are: President—Mrs. Jane Whalen, Sr. Vice-President—Mrs. Jean Smith, Jr., Vice-President—Mrs. Gloria Morin, Secretary—Mrs. Dolores Lanzillo, Treasurer—Mrs. Gladys Catchepaugh, Chaplain—Mrs. Eleanor Boissonneault, Historian—Mrs. Virginia Catchepaugh, Sergeant-at-arms

—Mrs. Anna Bissonette, and Executive Board—Mrs. Belle Russell, Mrs. Adah Blood, Mrs. Gladys Reed, Mrs. Gladys Belcher, and Mrs. Ann Hottin.

The Refreshment Committee has asked that members who wish to attend the 6 p.m. picnic supper make reservations with Mrs. Belle Russell or Mrs. Virginia Catchepaugh.

THE THINGS THAT COUNT

To bear a burden cheerfully
A little way and still to smile,
Is better than to tearfully
And dimly trudge mile on mile.
Some simple little kindly deed
Does more to cheer a man's abode,
Than favours big in time of need
That have been grudgingly bestowed.

It isn't what you give that counts
But how you give, that God will see.
The widow's mite to much amounts,
For it was given cheerfully.
Deeds in themselves are little things
Unless the spirit in them glows.
For from the heart true greatness springs;
It's how, not what it does, that shows.

Edgar A. Guest.

June 8, 1869—Ives W. McGaffey of Chicago obtained a patent for his vacuum cleaner, described by the inventor as a "sweeping machine."

A word to the wise is redundant.



At the last meeting of the Agawam Lions Club on June 5th, at the new Junior High School cafeteria, King Lion Robert Watson presented a Titmus Vision Testing Machine to the Junior High School and it was accepted by Principal Raymond E. Harris.



This precision instrument replaces an old machine donated by the Lions many years ago, and is in keeping with Lions' objectives to assist school authorities in improvement of school facilities. It is made possible with funds received from the Sight Seal Drive made in Town each year. With these same funds there was furnished to townspeople from 1957 to 1963 a total of 59 pairs of eyeglasses, one eye examination, five visits to Western Mass. Lions Orthoptic Clinic, and transportation for six visits to the Clinic.

The Agawam Community Birthday Calendar project is presently under way, and in the next two weeks all families in Town should have been contacted so that all birthdays, anniversaries, and club meeting dates will be listed under the appropriate date. Listings are 25¢ each and the calendars are 50¢. It is hoped that we will have the same fine co-operation that has been accorded us in the past ten years by the fine people of Agawam.

The roof is now being installed on the Food Tent at the Eastern States Exposition grounds under the supervision of Thomas Vella, 3rd vice-president.

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Under Massachusetts law WW I, WW II and Korean veterans rated as ten percent or more disabled by VA are entitled to a \$2,000 real estate tax exemption.

Most veterans who received a tax exemption certificate from VA in the past will receive the certificate automatically, Manager William F. Connors of VA's Boston Regional Office explained. He said it will not be necessary for veterans to write or contact VA unless they fail to receive their certificate by June 24th. Eligible widows who need a tax certification should contact the VA Regional Office, Boston, after June 24th.

Four categories of veterans will have to write VA stating name, address, claim number and purpose of certification. They are:

1. Those rated as ten percent disabled for the first time during the year 1962.
2. Those who have a 10% disability, but who waived it in favor of nonservice-connected pension.
3. Veterans who purchased homes during 1962.
4. Those who are paraplegics or who are entitled to specially adapted housing should write in requesting a special letter, which entitles them to an additional abatement.

Upon receiving the certification, veterans should file them immediately with their local boards of assessors. Deadline for filing is October 1, 1963.

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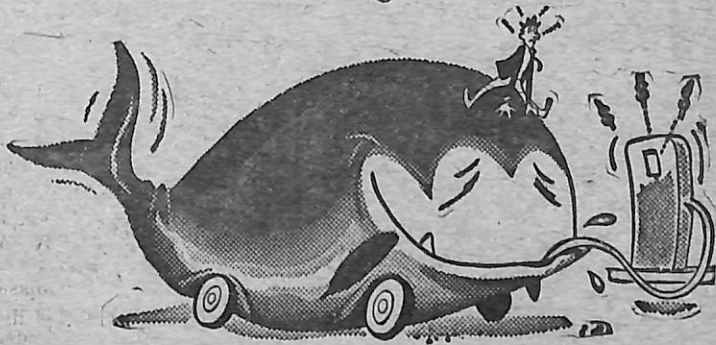
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